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PRESIDING OFFICER'S  
RULING NO. C2001-3/26

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Complaint on First-Class Mail Service Standards

Docket No. C2001-3

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ON JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION  
OF FILING DEADLINE AND ON RESPONSE TO DFC/USPS-9**

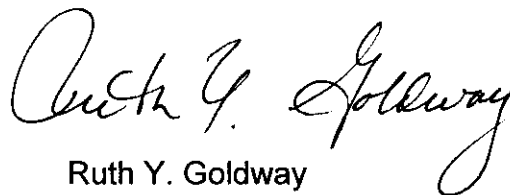
(Issued June 10, 2002)

The Postal Service, on behalf of itself and complainant Carlson, has filed a motion to postpone the deadline for filing a motion for reconsideration or request for certification of P.O. Ruling No. C2001-3/24. The referenced ruling directed the Service to provide a response to interrogatory DFC/USPS-1, which sought certain point-to-point origin-destination volume data. Under the Commission's rules of practice, a certification request would be due June 12. Movants ask that the deadline for procedural pleadings be extended to no later than July 3, 2002. Reasons cited in support of this extension include ongoing discussions at Headquarters regarding the nature of the response to the ruling, movants' apparent interest in determining whether there is a mutually acceptable alternative resolution, scheduling conflicts that will interfere with related consultations, and complainant's plans to be out of the country during the latter part of June. Joint Motion to Postpone Deadline for Filing Motion for Reconsideration or Request for Certification of Presiding Officer's Ruling No. C2001-3/24 (Joint Motion), June 7, 2002 at 1-2.

For the reasons stated, the Joint Motion is granted. As Commission records indicate that no response to interrogatory DFC/USPS-9 has been filed, the Postal Service is also directed to file, no later than July 3, 2002, a statement addressing its compliance with P.O. Ruling No. C2001-3/23.

**RULING**

1. The Joint Motion to Postpone Deadline for Filing Motion for Reconsideration or Request for Certification of Presiding Officer's Ruling No. C2001-3/24 is granted, thereby establishing July 3, 2002 as the deadline for related procedural pleadings.
2. The Postal Service is directed to file, no later than July 3, 2002, a statement addressing its compliance with P.O. Ruling No. C2001-3/23 (concerning interrogatory DFC/USPS-9).

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ruth Y. Goldway". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R" and "G".

Ruth Y. Goldway  
Presiding Officer